

# Torri

## Walk 3

**Distance** - 4km (2½ miles) **Rise and fall** - 350ft **Map:** Kompass 661, Siena, Chianti, Colline Senesi, 1:50,000.

Another walk across the wooded hillside which rises abruptly from the extensive Piano di Rosia plain. The route follows designated trail no. 7 to and from the ancient little village of Torri, where the houses face inwards in a close huddle, their backs forming a defensive perimeter wall. Tucked away at the top of the village is a small former abbey with a fine little cloister, open to the public on Mondays and Fridays, only until noon.

**Start/car parking:** HPB Palazzo Stigliano.  
**Refreshments:** Bar/café, Stigliano

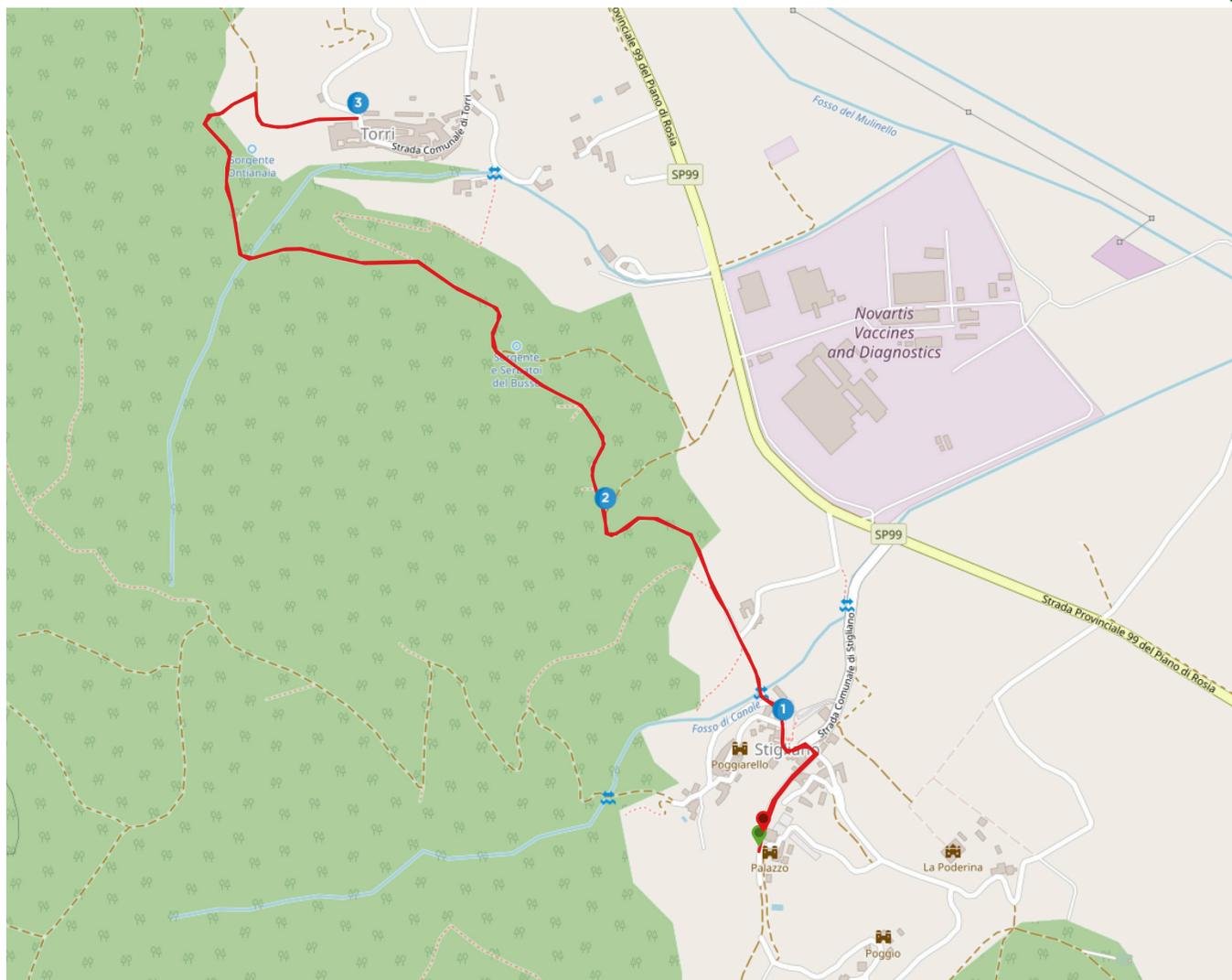
**Note:** It would be a great help to future walkers if you could record any inaccuracies you come across during this walk and report them to reception so that appropriate amendments can be made. *Thank you for your help and happy walking.*

Facing the reception, walk to the right and descend to the adjacent lane. Turn left at the bottom and reach the little square of Stigliano. The little café on the left is open and you can stop for a refreshment, even on the way back.

**1.** Keep the right following signs to Relais Borgo Stigliano and in 40 yards, look carefully for a little path on the right, at the end of the stone wall close to a villa. Descend some steps to reach a concrete footbridge across a dry streambed. Ascend at the far side to a steep little bank and join a tarmac road by a disused quarry. Go straight on the tarmac ends and then slightly to the right at the fork. Oak and chestnut line the way. At a small clearing in 300 yards fork left, uphill, to a meeting place of tracks defined by a four large oak trees.

**2.** Head between these trees to a narrower path descending between the brambles. Pass a water supply on the right and continue uphill. Torri is now in the view through the trees ahead, with Rosia beyond. Ignore a track descending to the right and stay in the main track, with the cypresses on the right. At a major fork in 120 yards, go left uphill, the track is beautiful with white roses in early spring. The track curves to cross a small dry valley. Ignore tracks to the right and left and carry on round the hillside above Torri. Pass a bricked up cave and on above the village; the track soon bends shortly to the right to descend past old olive trees to join an unsurfaced roadway. Turn right and right again at the public road to head for an entrance gate to the village. The abbey entrance is tucked away to the right.

**3.** Return to Palazzo Stigliano by the same route



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